Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) A statement showing the number of offences with stations is appended (*Appendix II*). Several officers handled the cases, and it is not possible to give their names without referring to every case file. The information when obtained would not warrant tne time and trouble necessitated to obtain it.

(b) Murder—Nil.

Grievous hurt—1.

(c) The figures given in answer to sub-division (a) relate only to cases not charge-sheeted.

(d) No answer is necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c) Is this relevant to the question? Has the answer anything to do with the question?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I leave it to the Hon'ble Members to decide.

Cleanliness—Restaurants and Shops.

328. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state how they are regulating healthy cleanliness of eatables in the restaurants and shops of the State, used by the public?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Keepers of restaurants and shops of the kind referred to have to take licenses under section 156 of the Municipal Regulation. The shops are occasionally inspected and all possible modes of securing cleanliness are enforced within town limits. There are however no rules at present to regulate the shops in places outside Municipal areas.

Damages to paddy fields—Ducks.

329. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(i) have the Government received this year and last year any complaints from people of Trippunittura about the damages caused to their paddy fields by swarms of ducks let loose on the fields for feed;

(ii) have the Government conducted any enquiry on the complaints;

(iii) what were the enquiry reports, if any, from the local Revenue officer and Police officer in connection with the complaints;

(iv) have the Government the intention of taking measures to remedy the harm complained of ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

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(iii) The reports showed that the ravages and hardships were real.

(iv) Yes.

Prohibition—crime.

330. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether they have noted the opinion of Mr. Parsons (page 39, the Illustrated Weekly of India, dated September 27, 1931) that the increase in crime can be definitely traced to prohibition;

(b) how the Government intend to counteract the menacing prohibition propaganda that is being carried on in this country with special reference to (a);

(c) whether they are aware that their policy of mercilessly taxing liquor is only expediating the danger indicated in (a)?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The Government do not intend to take any action in connection with any peaceful propaganda that may be carried on for this purpose.

(c) The Government do not think that the increased tax on liquor can in any way be responsible for an increase in crime. The duty is imposed as a check against excessive consumption of liquor.

331. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the further remarks of the authority quoted in question 330, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how they have appreciated the drawbacks of the social custom of treating the woman something in the line of private property;

(b) whether they conform to the finding that (a), is also another factor causing the increase in crimes;

(c) what the Government intend to do with reference to (a) and (b)?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) As the Government are not in possesion of the article referred to in the question, they are unable to give any opinion in the matter.

(b) The Government are unable to express any opinion in this matter also for the very same reason.

(c) The Government do not at present intend to take any action.

332. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection to consult the Local Government of Aligarh and state whether some arch-prohibitionists of the Aligrah Muslim University have not been

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